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## Over 100 turtles in one confiscation in Dong Thap Province, southern Vietnam

On the morning of the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021, an individual in Hoa Tan commune, Chau Thanh district, Dong Thap province, southern Vietnam, voluntarily handed over 111 turtles to the provincial Forest Protection Department (FPD).

The animals reportedly included 89 Yellow-Headed Temple Turtles (*Heosemys annandalii*), 3 Malayan Box Turtles (*Cuora amboinensis*), 8 Giant Asian Pond Turtles (*Heosemys grandis*), 10 Mekong Snail-eating Turtles (*Malayemys subtrijuga*), and 1 Asiatic Softshell Turtle (*Amyda ornata*).

The FPD will take care of these turtles and collaborate with relevant agencies to complete



The turtles varied widely in size as seen here. © Dong Thap Television (THDT).

the legal procedure before releasing them back to suitable habitats.

ATP Note: we have contacted the authorities to see what assistance we can offer and to confirm the species.

SOURCE: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">www.youtube.com/</a> watch?v=7wobRIIBmao

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The group of turtles contained one softshell turtle: this Asiatic Softshell Turtle (*Amyda ornata*). © THDT



Some of the smaller turtles including Yellow-Headed Temple Turtles (*Heosemys annadalii*), Giant Asian Pond Turtles (*Heosemys grandis*), Mekong Snail-eating Turtles (*Malayemys subtrijuga*). © THDT

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Some large Giant Asian Pond Turtles ( $Heosemys\ grandis$ ). © THDT